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November 2, 1993

Programs and Project
Management Division

Mr. Mike Giuranna
EPA, Region III
841 Chestnut Building, 3HW73
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107

Dear Mr. Giuranna:

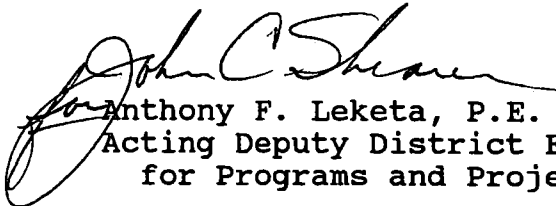
This refers to the Valley Forge General Hospital (VFGH) project at Phoenixville, PA, and Technical Review Committee (TRC) established for the VFGH project.

Enclosed are the following:

- a. Minutes of the TRC meeting conducted on September 2, 1993.
- b. Announcement and agenda for the next TRC meeting.
- c. Agenda for the public meeting for your information.

As an important member of this project committee, your attendance is requested. If you have any questions, please call Mr. Thomas Meyer at (410) 962-6781.

Sincerely,



Anthony F. Leketa, P.E.
Acting Deputy District Engineer
for Programs and Project Management

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October 11, 1993

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District
10 Howard Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Attention: Tom Meyer
CENAB-EN-EH

Subject: Minutes of September 2, 1993, Valley Forge General Hospital
RI/FS Technical Review Committee Meeting
Project No. - 2056

Dear Mr. Meyer:

Please find the enclosed Meeting Minutes of September 2, 1993. If you have any questions regarding this submittal, please call me at (301) 309-0800.

Sincerely,

WOODWARD-CLYDE FEDERAL SERVICES

Not Responsive Due to Revised Scope



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MEMORANDUM

September 27, 1993

TO: Distribution

FROM: Thomas Meyer
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District

SUBJECT: Minutes of September 02, 1993, Valley Forge General Hospital RI/FS Technical Review Committee Meeting

The meeting was opened by Mr. Thomas Meyer of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Baltimore District. Mr. Meyer made introductions (see Attachment 1 for a list of persons in attendance at the meeting) and thanked the Valley Forge Christian College for again making their facilities available.

Mr. Meyer reminded the committee that a quarterly Public Meeting would be held this evening at 7:30 pm at the Phoenixville High School. He stated that the main topic of the meeting would be to review the information contained in the Valley Forge General Hospital (VFGH) draft Feasibility Study (FS) report. Mr. Meyer requested the committee to send their comments on the draft FS report by September 24, 1993.

Mr. Meyer apprised everyone of the current status of the removal action, the number of calls received on the hot line, and that a modification of the cost for completion of the RI/FS was being processed. Mr. Meyer listed repository documents including the three new ones: Final RI Report; Draft FS Report; and transcript of last public meeting. Mr. Meyer noted that his office is preparing legislature fact sheets. He also mentioned the receipt of one newspaper article. He announced that a meeting has been scheduled for November 19, 1993 to review the Draft Decision Document.

[Redacted] of Woodward-Clyde Federal Services (WCFS) then presented a summary of the findings contained in the draft FS report. In general, the risk assessment did not reveal an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment. Consequently, there was no risk based need for remediation at the site. However, [Redacted] stated that the regulations of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania require that certain areas in VFGH be remediated to attain concentrations of the contaminants that are less than the levels required by the state. The draft FS has identified four areas of concern (operable units) requiring treatment. These areas are the landfill, the PCB spill at the current substation, the boiler plant areas contaminated with metals and the volatile organic groundwater contamination at Building 106. [Redacted] explained briefly the processes involved in the FS - different technologies considered, process options, development and screening of remedial alternatives, and evaluation of the retained alternatives against the set of nine criteria established by the EPA. [Redacted] also provided the summary of the estimated present worth cost of all the retained remedial alternatives for each of the operable units.

The following are some of the issues raised during this discussion:

- A question was raised by Ms. Irene Ewald regarding Hodgkin's disease. She mentioned that Hodgkin's disease was the impetus for funding this project. She wanted to know if this report (or these reports) addressed Hodgkin's disease. She also mentioned that the community is still concerned with this issue. Ms. Ewald indicated that the issues related to the presence of asbestos in the vicinity, Hodgkin's disease, and landfill contaminants would come up in her upcoming board meeting.

Mr. Meyer mentioned that Hodgkin's disease has not been linked to environmental contaminants. This statement was supported by [REDACTED] Not Responsive Due to Revised SOP. Mr. Meyer also mentioned that doing an epidemiology study for the Hodgkin's disease is not within the scope of the FS as outlined in the FUDS regulations.

- Ms. Ewald also asked which of the alternatives (no action, soil cap, or RCRA cap) will be recommended for the landfill.

Mr. Meyer mentioned that in accordance with EPA's guidance document on RI/FS, the draft FS did not discuss the preferred remedial alternative. However, Mr. Meyer mentioned that issues related to preferred alternatives will be addressed in the Decision Document.

- Ms. Tina Daly asked the difference between the FS for a Superfund site and the FS for the Valley Forge Site.

Mr. Kikkeri stated that the FS followed CERCLA (Superfund) Guidance.

- Ms. Daly asked why in spite of the presence of dioxins in the environmental samples, Hodgkin's disease was not discussed in the FS report.

Mr. Keith Hoddinott mentioned that phenols, not dioxines were linked to Hodgkin's disease in a recent government report. Mr. Hoddinott also mentioned that he would meet with Dr. Russell and discuss issues about Hodgkin's disease.

- Ms. Ewald asked if an ice rink could be built on the landfill

Mr. Meyer indicated that it may not be allowed because of the possibility of subsidence. [REDACTED] Not Responsive Due to Revised SOP stated that approximately 20,000 cubic yards of ash is in the landfill and this material would probably not be suitable for building foundations.

- Ms. Ewald indicated that there is a deed to property and the bowling alley is being demolished. She asked if that area could be paved. She said that she wants help in asbestos removal.

Mr. Meyer stated that asbestos could not be examined under the FUDS

program. He said that he would contact GSA to see if they have a program for asbestos and on the deed issues.

Mr. Ted Ryan said that Mr. Earhart had mentioned that he (Mr. Earhart) would certify the VFGH site 100% clean after the RI/FS and remedial actions are complete. There will be a public outcry if this is not done.

Mr. Meyer said that based on the risk analysis, no cleanup is required. However, the state's requirement for cleanup for PCB and lead in the surface soil of 5 ppm and 200, ppm respectively, would be achieved through remediation.

- Mr. Ryan reiterated whether the site will be certified 100% clean as stated by Mr. Earhart

Mr. Hoddinott clarified that Mr. Earhart had said that Army would clean up only the environmental contaminants it was responsible for. For example, the Texaco gas station may be responsible for solvent contamination. However, there is no imminent risk from the solvent.

- Mr. Ryan wanted to sign a permit to demolish bowling alley. He asked who is responsible for the building

Mr. Meyer said that he believed that GSA is responsible for this building.

- Mr. Ryan said that he would not sign the permit until he knew who is in charge of the bowling alley.
- George Quay (Phoenixville School Maintenance gentleman) asked what would happen to future landfill owners and who would be responsible for the ash.

Mr. Meyer said that in his belief GSA would retain the responsibility.

Mr. Meyer thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for their participation in this investigation. He then adjourned the meeting.

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ATTACHMENT

2 September 1993 TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING
ATTENDANCE SHEET

NAME	REPRESENTING	TELEPHONE NUMBER
Ted Ryan	Schuylkill Township Supervisor	(215) 933-5843
Thomas Meyer	USACE, Baltimore	(410) 962-6781
George W. Quay	Phoenixville Area School District	(215) 933-3737
Not Responsive Due to Revised Scope		
Keith Hoddinott	OTSG	(410) 671-2953
Irene Ewald	Charlestown Township Board of Supervisors	(215) 935-0401
Thomas H. Tracy	CCHD	(215) 344-6224



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VALLEY FORGE GENERAL HOSPITAL PHOENIXVILLE, PA

NINTH TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (TRC)

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

MEETING: TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE - VFGH

TIME: NOVEMBER 9, 1993, at 3:00 PM

PLACE: VALLEY FORGE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
OPERATIONS DIVISION CONFERENCE ROOM
BUILDING 70

PHOENIXVILLE, PA 19460

POC: WILLIAM WERKHEISER 215-935-0450

PURPOSE: TO REVIEW PROJECT STATUS IN PREPARATION FOR CORPS OF
ENGINEERS EIGHTH PUBLIC PROJECT STATUS REVIEW. THE
EIGHTH PUBLIC MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR
NOVEMBER 9, 1993, IN THE PHOENIXVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
LIBRARY.

POC: THOMAS P. MEYER - CORPS OF ENGINEERS - 410-962-6781

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NINTH TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (TRC)

MEETING AGENDA

VALLEY FORGE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE, BLDG 70

NOVEMBER 9, 1993, 3:00 PM

Removal Actions

Scope
Schedule
Cost

Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Report (RI/FS)

Scope
Schedule
Cost

Public Involvement Plan (PIRP)

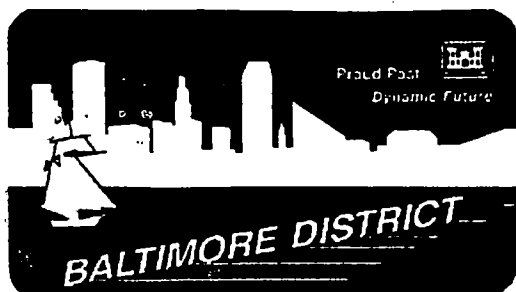
Hot Line Status Report
Repositories
Media/Congressional/Legislators

Current Actions

Review Draft Decision Document

Other Public Concerns

Asbestos
Hodgkins Disease - AEHA & ATSDR



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VALLEY FORGE GENERAL HOSPITAL PHOENIXVILLE, PA

EIGHT PUBLIC PROJECT STATUS REPORT

MEETING AGENDA

PHOENIXVILLE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

NOVEMBER 9, 1993

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| 7:30 PM | Welcome | Ted Ryan
Schuylkill Township Supervisor |
| 7:35 PM | Purpose | Ralph H. Graves, P.E.
Lt., Corps of Engineers
Deputy District Engineer
Baltimore District |
| 7:40 PM | Status Report | Thomas P. Meyer
Project Manager
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Baltimore District |
| | Removal Actions | |
| | Scope | |
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| | Media/Congressional/Legislators | |
| | Current Actions | |
| | Technical Review Committee Status Report | |
| | Review Draft Decision Document | |
| 8:30 PM | Question and Answer | |
| 9:00 PM | Hodgkins Disease Discussion by AEHA & ATSDR | |
| 9:15 PM | Question and Answer | |
| Open | Adjournment | |